

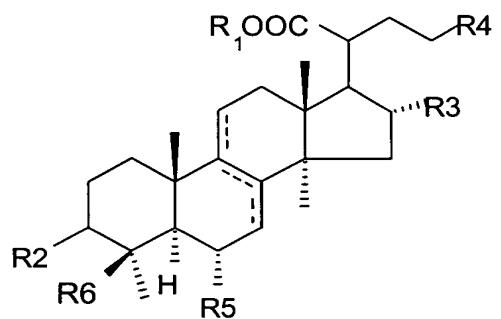
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5(canceled).

6(currently amended). A Poria extract capable of enhancing immunity of a mammal comprising 5-60% of a lanostane (I)~~as defined in claim 1 having the following chemical formula (I)~~ by weight of the extract, and being substantially devoid of secolanostane:



(I)

wherein R₁ is either H or CH₃; R₂ is OCOCH₃, =O or OH; R₃ is H or OH; R₄ is -C(=CH₂)-C(CH₃)₂R_a, wherein R_a is H or OH, or -CH=C(CH₃)-R_b, wherein R_b is CH₃ or CH₂OH; R₅ is H or OH; and R₆ is CH₃ or CH₂OH.

7(original). The Poria extract according to claim 6, which is prepared by a method comprising the following steps:

- a) extracting metabolites, fermentation products or sclerotium of Poria cocos (Schw) Wolf by water, methanol, ethanol, or a mixed solvent thereof;
- b) concentrating the resulting liquid extract from step a);
- c) introducing the resulting concentrated substance from step b) into a silica gel column;

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- d) eluting the silica gel column with an eluent having a low polarity, and collecting the resulting eluate;
- e) concentrating the eluate to form a concentrated eluate.

8(original). The *Poria* extract according to claim 7, wherein the concentrated eluate from step e) has a chromatographic value, R_f, not less than 0.1 in accordance with a thin layer chromatography, which is developed by a mixed solvent of dichloromethane : methanol = 96:4 and is detected by an ultraviolet lamp and iodine vapor.

9(original). The *Poria* extract according to claim 7, wherein the extraction in step a) is carried out by using 95% ethanol.

10(original). The *Poria* extract according to claim 7, wherein the concentrated substance resulted from step b) is further extracted with a two-phase solvent containing methanol and n-hexane in a volumetric ratio of 1:1, a methanol layer is separated from the two-phase solvent extraction mixture, and the methanol layer is concentrated to form a concentrate, which is used as a feed to the silica gel column in step c).

11(original). The *Poria* extract according to claim 7, wherein the low polarity eluent is a mixed solvent containing dichloromethane and methanol in a volumetric ratio of 96.5:3.5.

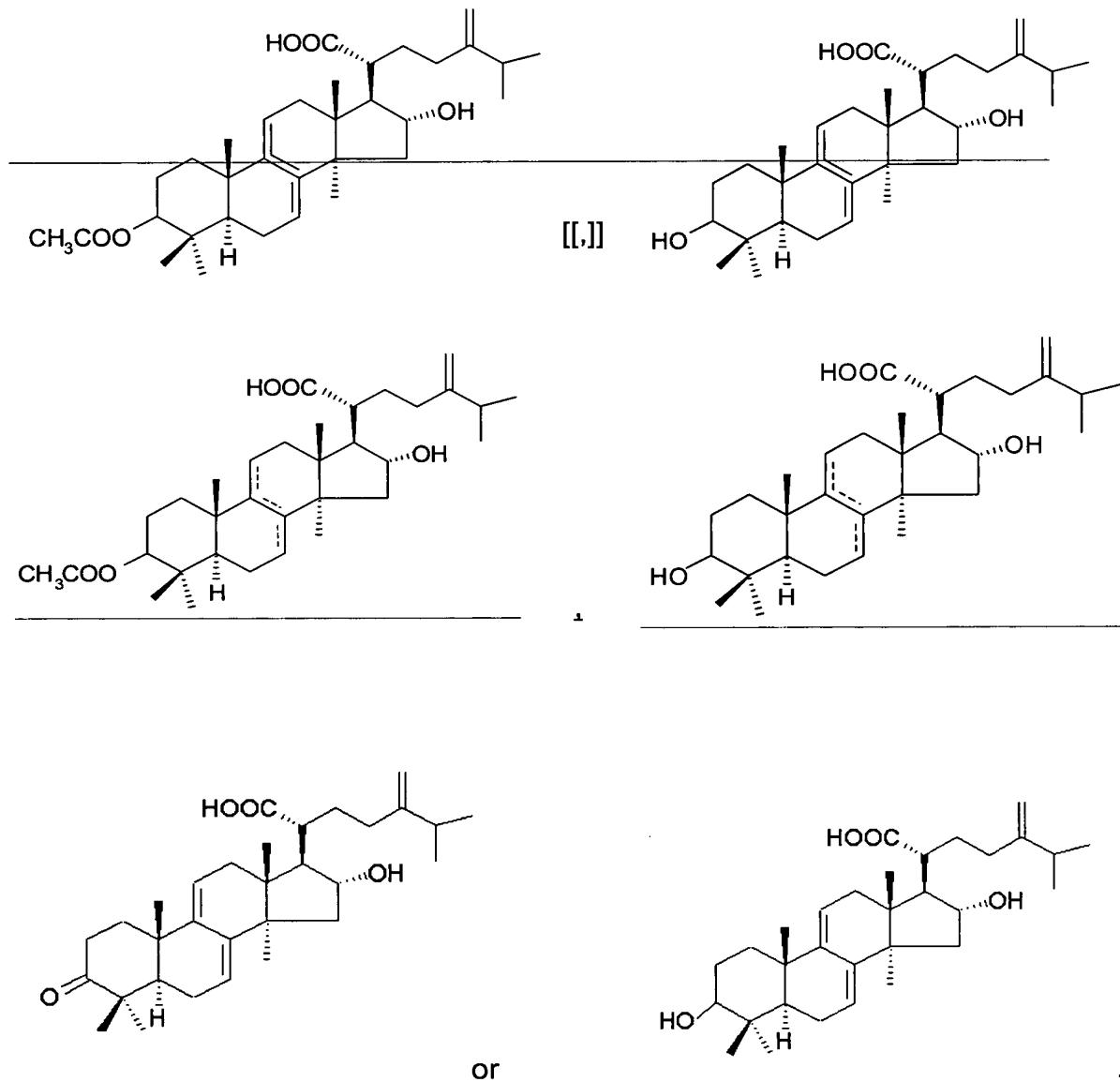
12(original). The *Poria* extract according to claim 6 comprising 10-20% of the lanostane (I).

13(currently amended). The *Poria* extract according to claim 6, wherein the lanostane (I) is

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Claims 14-23(canceled).